

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 28 September 2010 at 7.30 pm

Present

Rob Newton (Chairman)	Felicity Groves
Selina Allen	John Mordaunt
David Andrews	Maria Naylor (Vice Chair)
Richard Brocklebank	Ian Paisley
Myran Eade	Fred Thurston
Peter Friend	

PCSO Simon French [part]

In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk	Members of the Public – one.
	Members of the Press – none.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting members of the public and County and District Representatives were invited to address the Parish Council.

(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda but not necessarily the order in which they were taken at the meeting. A copy of all the reports mentioned will be attached to the minutes for the minute book).

PCSO Simon French reported that he is now covering East Hoathly, Chiddingly and Laughton as well as Framfield Parish and Halland. He commented that £52 million has to be saved in the Police budget over the next five years. A stop had been put on all recruitment. The Council voiced their concern if any moves should be afoot to lose Simon and if any practical ways of support could be given, they would be happy to do so.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. Myran Eade declared a personal interest in the item on the Blackboys Pavilion Project as he is associated with Blackboys Cricket Club. On decision-making matters if the meeting thought appropriate, Myran would leave the room. Rob Newton stated that following on from Myran's question in July, clarification had been given from Wealden District Council that Rob was entitled to take part in any meetings behind the scenes but that when it came to the public, decision-making, PC meeting, as an adjacent neighbour to the recreation ground, he should declare a prejudicial interest and leave the meeting room when any decisions come to be made.. Maria Naylor would then take the Chair on this occasion. Rob Newton declared a prejudicial interest in the items under the Finance section of the agenda relating to the Clerk, the Clerk being his wife.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2010 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (FG/ME).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk followed up a few points from the last meeting as follows.

- Website – all councillors were in receipt of the minutes of the recent FGP meeting where the details of the tendering exercise were detailed. The FGP recommended to full Council that the contract be awarded to Barry Richardson and that the cost could be found within this year's budget to enable the work to start immediately. (For instance, the Council had over-budgeted for insurance) This was agreed by all present as a priority.
- Affordable Housing. The Clerk stated that she was trying to contact the WDC Portfolio Holder for affordable housing to discuss it further.
- New Councillor courses. The Clerk reported that there are none until after the elections next May.
- Report from the Horticultural Society's 'Crisis' meeting. Various members said how well the meeting had been attended. A central core of people has come forward although a Chairman is still to be found.

Another meeting is to be held on 1 November 2010. Everyone at the meeting wanted the Show to survive.

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Letters for noting/discussion – most items were from pending matters and dealt with under separate headings.

WDC:

- District/Parish Conference – Wednesday, 3 November 2010. Anyone interested should let the Clerk know by 8 October 2010.
- Margaret House, Uckfield. Information for members on a new housing scheme for older people.

Other:

- CLG: 'Local Referendums to veto excessive council tax increases'. A reply had been sent.
- DEFRA: 'Being a good employer'. Free, useful booklet.
- South East Water. Update on works in Framfield.
- AIRS/SALC: AGM – 3 November 2010.
- SALC: Proposed subscriptions 2011/12. An estimated cost of £450.00 based on 27per elector – an increase of 2p.
- Wealden CAB.
- Hearing Resource Centre. The Clerk reported that their mobile advisory service would be visiting the Blackboys Inn car park between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm on Thursday, 7 October 2010. Information had been put on the parish noticeboards.
- East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- Exploring East Sussex
- Safer in East Sussex.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Finance Committee Report: Councillors were asked to resolve to adopt the recommendations as detailed in the report. There were four recommendations as detailed below. Two had already been agreed during the meeting and the following two were subsequently resolved proposed by Maria Naylor, seconded by John Mordaunt and agreed by all present.
 - **Review of policies/FOI etc.** The FGP Committee recommended to the full Parish Council that the FOI publication be updated as detailed in the FGP report.
 - **Website.** The FGP Committee recommended to the full Parish Council that the contract be awarded to Barry Richardson and that the cost can be found within this year's budget to enable the work to start immediately
 - **Trust 'donations'.** The FGP Committee resolved that £100.00 should be 'donated' to the Framfield Trust but nothing to Blackboys. The reason for this is that the allotment rents, some £570.00, will be transferred to the Trust and the charity dividends will also be paid straight into that account. In time, the Framfield Trust will have the benefit of the allotment rents if the charities are amalgamated.
 - **Electronic payment.** The FGP Committees asks that Full Council agree to the payment of JR/AN by the BACS method and that the procedure, as detailed in the report, be adopted.
- Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010. The Clerk reported that the AR had been returned duly approved.
- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 August 2010 – this was adopted as read. (DA/IP).
- Formal agreement of the August/September 2010 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Richard Brocklebank, seconded by John Mordaunt and agreed by all present.

Cheques already paid

	£
Richardson Architecture Ltd (professional fees for drawings for the Memorial Hall - 50% of cost to be reimbursed by the Football Club).	1,037.22
East Sussex County Council (conversion of two lanterns into compact fluorescent)	117.32
Action in Rural Sussex (annual subscription)	50.00
Rob Newton (reimbursement of cost of wasp killer)	19.14
Arbor Management (grounds maintenance of all recs/allotments (August)	940.52
Playsafety Limited (ROSPA inspection fee)	313.73
Simon Paddon (treeworks, Framfield recreation ground)	120.00
The Tree Council (Tree Warden Forum – attendance by Ian Paisley)	15.00
British Telecom plc (office account – shared with EH [paid by DD])	169.96
Blackboys Village Hall (Hall hire)	16.00

- Blackboys. All members were in receipt of a paper for consideration and resolution. Fred Thurston reported that two meetings had been held with representatives of the Cricket Club. Following lengthy discussion the meeting resolved to arrange for a Health and Safety risk assessment of the Pavilion. This will enable costings to be drawn up to bring the building up to a satisfactory level for health and safety purposes. The Council will then be in a better position to consider the options on the table.

8. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

- Framfield – Selina Allen reported that the School would like to plant at least one tree on the recreation ground to symbolise the fact that a new house system has been set up – four houses/four different trees. Ian Paisley as Tree Warden, agreed to liaise with the Selina and the School and the Council were happy for, if appropriate, four trees to be planted on the ground.
- Blackboys – The Clerk reported that the building works to construct a new School office were almost complete and a further application was to be submitted to refurbish the pavilion at the rear of the school.

SALC/WDALC: Nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Change of date for next meeting – confirmed as Tuesday, 2 November 2010.
- Fred Thurston commented that Brian Hodge had worked on an Emergency Plan and wondered if this could be taken on by someone else. The Clerk reported that she had filled in some of the blanks and Felicity Groves offered to take up the task on behalf of the Council. The Clerk would pass onto Felicity what had been done to date.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman..... **Date**

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 2 November 2010, at the Village Hall, Blackboys,
commencing at 7.30 pm.
This will be preceded by a meeting of the Trustees
of the Blackboys Trust at 7 pm.**